FISCAL NOTE

SB 1678 - HB 1722

March 18, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes individuals convicted of certain infamous crimes to have their voting rights restored upon receiving a pardon, service or expiration of the maximum sentence imposed, or being granted final release from incarceration or supervision. Upon receiving a certificate of restoration after one of the above requirements is met, the certificate will be submitted to the county election commission for verification and the individual will be eligible to register to vote.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Certificates of restoration will be issued by existing staff of the releasing authority.
- Issuance of voter registration cards will require no additional resources.
- Trial courts and district attorneys general will experience a decrease in resources directed to the review of restoration of citizenship rights petitions.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director